

P.S. Your mother is writing to you to-
day, and no doubt will tell you all about the
visit of Anne Morris, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Chase
of Valley Falls, Mrs. Jarvis, &c. done to Henry.

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My Darling:

Another long and pleasant letter was received from you to-day. In getting through with your varied correspondence since your arrival in Washington, — writing letters of acknowledgments for favors received, &c. — you must have had a severe task. Speaking of favors — we erred in supposing the wedding cake from Salem was a gift from Mrs. Putnam, for in her note she expressly stated that it was her sister Susan who made and sent it. As soon as I ascertained the mistake, I wrote a letter to Susan, thanking her in your name for her kind and generous gift, and sending her your card photograph. I am afraid, however, that you may have sent a letter of thanks to Mrs. Putnam, supposing the cake to have come from her.

If you have, it may be a somewhat difficult thing to straighten the matter out satisfactorily to all parties.

On Wednesday, the American Anti-Slavery Society held two meetings (forenoon and afternoon) in the Melodeon, preparatory to the Subscription Festival at Music Hall in the evening. Of course, I attended neither of them. The audiences in the day-time were small and the chief speakers Mr. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, and Theodore Tilton. Phillips and Tilton also made speeches in the evening, though they had a sharp encounter in the discussions at the Melodeon. Music Hall was about half filled. What was the amount of money raised, I have not heard. No doubt every string was pulled in order to make it at least equal to last year's.

On Thursday forenoon the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society was held at the Melodeon; on which

occasion Mr. Quincy made his valedictory address as President of the Society — laying before the meeting the vote of the Board of Managers, recommending the dissolution of the Society in consequence of the abolition of slavery throughout the republic. I gave a brief exposition of my own views, in favor of dissolution; and was followed by Mr. Phillips in a long and labored speech, full of special pleading and unjust imputations upon his old associates. Several others participated in the discussion. The vote in favor of discontinuing the ~~Society~~ was only about one to three, and Mr. Phillips succeeded in carrying his point. He outfaced Mr. Seward and the nation in plumply denying that slavery was abolished; and said that, if it were so, we could not tell how soon it might be re-established; ergo, the necessity for continuing the Society! Of course, as the whole thing is a farce, I care nothing for it.

I hope sometime next month to have the joy and delight to see you and Harry in Washington; for I shall endeavor to make my arrangements so that, after lecturing in Philadelphia, I can proceed to the Capital. Something may occur, however, to prevent it; yet I shall hope not to be foiled visiting you, either in February or March.

It is pleasant to know that every thing goes on joyously under your own roof. The various receptions you have attended do not appear to have raised your ideas of Washington society; but I am quite sure your analysis of it is entirely correct.

I have good reason to believe that what General Banks said to you about me was a sincere expression of feeling, long entertained.

Do not feel that you must answer every letter from Rockledge separately; for, in writing to me, you write to us all.

Adieu! darling! Your Loving Father.

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